Efficacy of Urine Therapy

†2897. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that urine therapy is being used widely by the people in many parts of the world;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to conduct research into the efficacy of urine therapy and to acquire knowledge about the works undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research urine therapy is being used by people in many parts of the world. Ayurveda describes use of urine of 8 animals and also man for medicinal purposes.

(b) to (d) No scientifically validated study on the efficacy of urine therapy has been conducted anywhere in the world. The Indian Council of Medical Research and the Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha have also not conducted any study. For undertaking such study additional information is necessary.

Inclusion of ISM in the curriculum of MBBS

2898. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian system of medicine like Unani, Siddha, etc. are being included in the curriculum of MBBS;

(b) if so, whether the MCI proposes to approve this;

(c) whether the AIIMS is being asked to include ISM as a subject for teaching and practising; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government of India have requested the Medical Council of India to consider inclusion of the basic principles and

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concepts of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Yoga in the curriculum of MBBS students. The Council has constituted a Sub-committee to consider the matter, the report of which is awaited.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Updating of list of medicines

2899. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the list of drugs or medicines for purchase and dispensing in CGHS dispensaries was made;

(b) whether the list is updated from time to time; and

(c) if so, when it was updated last and the new medicines included in recent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The formulary containing the list of medicines for the CGHS was made in 1996 and the validity of the same has been extended from time to time. The formulary containing the list of Generic drugs for the CGHS was prepared on 23.1.99 and the validity of the same has also been extended. Further, a Committee which has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. N. Pande on 16.11.2000 for preparing the combined drugs formulary for the MSO and CGHS has yet to submit its report.

Impact of Computer on Eyes

2900. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Computer users vulnerable to eye complaints" which appeared in the Statesman, dated 2nd May, 2001;

(b) if so, whether any research has been made by Government on the impact of computers on eyes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to protect the eyes from the adverse effect of computers?